

Technology Master Process Overview

Part of the Air Force Materiel Command's (AFMC) mission deals with maintaining technological superiority for the United States Air Force by:

- Discovering and developing leading edge technologies
- Transitioning mature technologies to system developers and maintainers
- Inserting fully developed technologies into our weapon systems and supporting infrastructure, and
- Transferring dual-use technologies to improve economic competitiveness

To ensure this mission is effectively accomplished in a disciplined, structured manner, AFMC has implemented the **Technology Master Process (TMP)**. The TMP is AFMC's vehicle for planning and executing an end-to-end technology program on an annual basis.

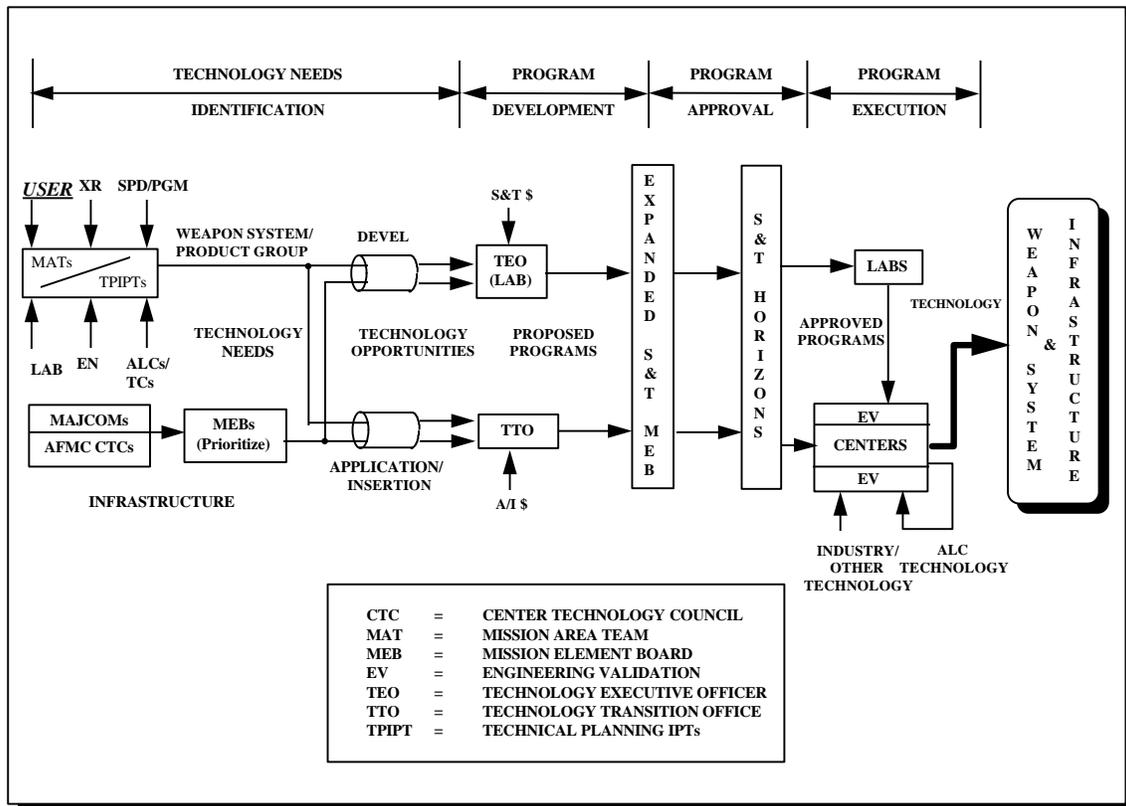


Figure 1 - Technology Master Process

The TMP has four distinct phases, as shown in Figure 1:

- Phase 1, **Technology Needs Identification**-Collects customer-provided technology needs associated with both weapon systems/product groups (via TPIPTs) and supporting infrastructure (via GTCS), prioritizes those needs, and categorizes them according to the need to develop new technology or apply/insert emerging or existing technology. Weapon system-related needs are derived in a strategies-to-task framework via the user-driven Mission Area Planning process.

- Phase 2, **Program Development**-Formulates a portfolio of dollar constrained projects to meet customer-identified needs from Phase 1. The Technology Executive Officer (TEO), with the laboratories, develops a set of projects for those needs requiring development of new technology, while the Technology Transition Office (TTO) orchestrates development of a project portfolio for those needs which can be met by the application/insertion of emerging or existing technology.
- Phase 3, **Program Approval**-Reviews the proposed project portfolio with the customer base via an Expanded S&T Mission Element Board and, later, the AFMC Corporate Board via S&T HORIZONS. The primary products of Phase are recommended submissions to the POM/BES for S&T budget and for the various technology application/insertion program budgets.
- Phase 4, **Program Execution**-Executes the approved S&T program and technology application/insertion program within the constraints of the Congressional budget and budget direction from higher headquarters. The products of Phase 4 are validated technologies that satisfy customer weapon system and infrastructure deficiencies.

TMP Implementation Status

The Technology Master Process is in its first full year of implementation. AFMC formally initiated this process at the beginning of FY94 following a detailed process development phase. During the FY95 cycle, AFMC will use the TMP to guide the selection of specific technology projects to be included in the Science and Technology FY98 POM and related President's Budgets.

Additional Information

Additional information on the Technology Master Process is available from HO AFMC/STP, DSN 787-7850, (513) 257-7850.